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SUBJ: BENNY CARTER JAZZ QUINTET

1. CARTER QUINTET CONTINUES SUCCESSFUL TOUR MIDDLE EAST UNDER AUSPICES STATE DEPARTMENT WITH TWO CONCERTS IN KUWAIT. ON EVENING JANUARY 5 AMERICAN JAZZ MUSICIANS PLAYED AT ALDAR GALLERY IN SALMIYA DISTRICT KUWAITED TO INVITED AUDIENCE 150 INTELLECTUALS SITTING ON CARPETED FLOOR. ALDAR CONCERT SPONSORED BY MAHOUD ALGHANIM, MEMBER ONE OF KUWAIT'S PROMINENT FAMILIES. PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAM WERE PROFESSOR MORROE BERGER OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, AN AUTHORITY ON JAZZ, WHO CONDUCTED DISCUSSION BACKED BY ILLUSTRATIONS FROM BAND. ALSO PARTICIPATING WERE LOCAL DRUM AND "OUD" PLAYER IN MUSICAL EXCHANGE. EVENING EXTREMELY INSTRUCTIVE, ENTERTAINING. AUDIENCE CAPTIVATED BY AMERICAN JAZZ. FIRST TIME SOME HEARD "LIVE" AMERICAN JAZZ. MAHMOUD ALGHANIM HOSTING DINNER FOR QUINTET EVENING JANUARY 7 IN ORDER INTRODUCE THEM KUWAIT SOCIETY.

2. PUBLIC PERFORMANCE EVENING JANUARY 6

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CO-SPONSORED KUWAIT HILTON AND AMERICAN EMBASSY.

QUINTET AGAIN RECEIVED WITH GREAT WARMTH BY AUDIENCE
650 IN KUWAIT HILTON BALLROOM. SPONTANEOUS, PRO-
LONGED APPLAUSE FOR PERFORMERS FROM VIEWERS CON-
SISTING CROSS SECTION KUWAITIS AND NON-KUWAITIS.
SHOW FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION HOSTED AT HILTON BY
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AMERICAN EMBASSY, FRANK MAU.

3. HAVE NO DOUBT BENNY CARTER JAZZ QUINTET WILL
TURN OUT TO BE ONE OF HIGHLIGHTS KUWAIT SOCIAL/
CULTURAL SEASON. EXCELLENT BEGINNING AMERICAN
BICENTENNIAL YEAR.
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